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**TO:** Mayor Joe Buck  
Members of the City Council

**FROM:** Sustainability Advisory Board

**SUBJECT:** Sustainability Advisory Board 2023 Goals

**DATE:** December 23, 2022

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The mission of the Sustainability Advisory Board (SAB) is to promote the economic, ecological, and quality-of-life sustainability of our community. SAB advises the City Council and assists in the development of plans and policies to make City operations more sustainable and enhance the sustainability of the city as a whole, and educates and engages the public in those efforts. SAB's work is guided by the goals of the City's Sustainability and Climate Action Plan.

The Sustainability Advisory Board's goals for 2023 follow. A summary of the Board's 2022 goals and accomplishment is provided in Attachment A.

**Advance the adoption of electric vehicles by**

- Installing [electric vehicle charging station road signs](#) to identify publicly accessible charging stations within the city limits.
- Develop guidance on how to address public EV charging needs, including through outreach and education to businesses on how to access available federal, state and/or local funding and incentives for installing chargers.
- Support the Lake Oswego Sustainability Network (LOSN) and PGE to develop a utility pole-mounted charging pilot project as a first step toward increasing access to EV charging for residents of multifamily buildings.

**Develop recommendations to City Council for a ban on the sale and use of gas-powered landscaping equipment in Lake Oswego.**

- Building on the Board's previous work including research, educational outreach, and a community survey, develop a 1 – 3 year roadmap that centers equity and addresses scope, enforcement, resource needs, partnerships, and incentives or support for equipment replacement.

**Continue progress on climate mitigation and resilience planning and implementation by**

- Supporting staff to develop a progress report on the 2020 Sustainability and Climate Action Plan.
- Updating the City's 2012 community greenhouse gas emissions inventory.
- Supporting the development of plans including the Urban & Community Forestry Plan update and Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan update by contributing a sustainability lens to ensure alignment with the City's sustainability and climate action goals.
- Promoting increased use and availability of clean energy in Lake Oswego through public outreach and education and identifying incentives.

**Expand outreach and engagement to enhance the sustainability of the city as a whole by**

- Holding the second annual Sustainability Resource Fair on Earth Day (April 22) in partnership with the Lake Oswego School District, Lake Oswego Sustainability Network, and Oswego Lake Watershed Council (OLWC).
- Engaging City Council, community members, and businesses on sustainability issues, including by participating in the Farmer's Market and other public outreach opportunities and supporting City communications staff to utilize city social media and other channels to share information about city sustainability initiatives.
- Working with Republic Services to incorporate recycling and waste reduction education in bi-annual community clean-up events.
- Supporting LOSN and OLWC's goal to designate Lake Oswego as a "Bee City USA" through the Xerxes Society Bee City USA Initiative.

Respectfully submitted,

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## Attachment A – Progress on Sustainability Advisory Board 2022 Goals

Goal	Progress to Date
<p><b>Advocate for sustainable design of the Wastewater Treatment Plant</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continue to participate in design charrettes and other opportunities to provide feedback on design elements of the WWTP.</li> </ul>	<p>SAB members provided input on the project at meetings with City project manager and members of LOSN, and at the February 2022 SAB meeting with City and EPCOR project leads.</p>
<p><b>Improve resiliency and adaptation strategies in the City's Sustainability and Climate Action Plan</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review and recommend updates to the Climate Adaptation section of the SCAP</li> </ul>	<p>Presented recommendations to City Council at May 3 Council meeting. City staff Sustainability and Climate Action Plan Steering Committee is reviewing recommendations.</p>
<p><b>Protect and preserve trees and natural resources</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support the City to more fully incorporate trees and natural areas into the SCAP section on Natural Resources</li> <li>Continue education, outreach, and engagement with developers, planners, and community members in partnership with other community groups</li> </ul>	<p>Received a briefing from Planning staff on the State of the Urban Forest Report update and Tree Code at September meeting and provided input.</p>
<p><b>Accelerate the transition away from gas-powered landscape equipment</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Create a 1 - 3 year plan for the City to support the Lake Oswego community in transitioning away from GPLE, built on voluntary measures and educational outreach</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Developed survey for residents and landscaping companies and reviewed results.</li> <li>Developed initial recommendations for incentive programs to support landscaping companies to transition to electric equipment.</li> <li>Hosted PGE electric tool exchange at Sustainability Resource Fair</li> </ul>
<p><b>Advance the adoption of electric vehicles</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support the City to electrify its vehicle fleet and to undertake a pilot demonstration of curbside charging infrastructure</li> <li>Continuing education, outreach, and engagement with community members in partnership with other community groups</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Presented recommendations to Council at May 3 Council meeting</li> <li>Partnered with LOSN on annual EV fair (Electrification Fair)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Host community-wide Earth Day celebration</b></p>	<p>Held first annual Lake Oswego Sustainability Resource Fair on Saturday, April 24. Over 200 attendees and 20+ organizations participated, sharing sustainability information, resources, and activities.</p>

## Attachment A – Progress on Sustainability Advisory Board 2022 Goals

<b>Ongoing Advisory and Outreach Efforts</b>	
<p>Promote high performance, sustainable, green buildings by supporting relevant code updates and incentives for Net Zero buildings, sustainable site design, clean energy, remodeling instead of demolition and/or sustainable deconstruction, and formalizing the LO guidelines for high performance building principles, including participation in design charettes and planning efforts for the Lake Oswego Recreation &amp; Aquatics Center.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Developed recommendations with HRAB to City Council on demolition tax renewal and deconstruction incentives.</li> <li>• SAB members participated in LORAC sustainability charette with project design team (November 2021)</li> </ul>
<p>Partner with other Boards and Commissions, Neighborhood Associations and Community groups to advance sustainability in our community.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Partnered with Lake Oswego School District, Lake Oswego Sustainability Network, Oswego Lake Watershed Council to organize Sustainability Resource Fair (April 2022)</li> <li>• Partnered with LOSN on Electrification Fair (October 2022)</li> <li>• Tabled at LO Farmer’s Market (June and September 2022)</li> </ul>
<p>Support SAB youth members to engage with their school Green Teams, and partner with LOSD to support sustainability in schools.</p>	<p>Partnered with LOSD to hold Sustainability Resource Fair at Lakeridge Middle School and engage students.</p>